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Weihnachten mit Dietrich Bonhoeffer Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2004 Es gibt eine Freude in dieser WeltCCRRCCRRDas besondere Buch zu Weihnachten Ein Kind von Menschen geboren,CCRRCCRRRein Sohn von Gott gegeben.CCRRCCRRDas ist das Geheimnis der Erlösung der Welt,CCRRCCRRalles Vergangene und alles Zukünftige ist hier umschlossen.CCRRCCRRREindringlich und poetisch, meditativ und besinnlich sind die Texte, in denen Dietrich Bonhoeffer die Geburt Jesu, das Wunder der Menschwerdung Gottes erschließt. Manfred Weber hat diese Texte aus dem umfangreichen Werk Bonhoeffers zusammengestellt. Entstanden ist ein ganz besonderes Buch in einer edlen, wertigen Ausstattung, das man gerne verschenkt und sich gerne schenken lässt.

The Cost of Moral Leadership Geoffrey B. Kelly 2003 In our current context, given what we are learning about the high cost of failed moral leadership, it is more urgent than ever to seek and study models for the formation of exceptional leaders. Readers who missed Burton Nelson and Geoffrey Kelly's groundbreaking, insightful, painstakingly researched, and substantially encouraging study of what Dietrich Bonhoeffer teaches us about moral leadership when it was first published will be copiously rewarded by studying it now. This is a book to read for yourself and recommend to students, congregants, colleagues, and others whom you would like to draw into profound and fruitful meditation on Christian moral leadership.

The Collected Sermons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2012 Preaching, according to Bonhoeffer, is like offering an apple to child. The gospel is proclaimed, but for it to be received as gift depends on whether or not the hearer is in a position to do so. Offered here are thirty-one of Pastor Bonhoeffer's sermons, in new English translations, which he preached at various times of the year and in a variety of different settings. Each is introduced by Bonhoeffer translator Isabel Best who also provides a brief biography of Bonhoeffer. The foreword is by Victoria J. Barnett, general editor of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works, English edition, published by Fortress Press, from which these sermons are selected. In his preaching, Bonhoeffer's strong, personal faith--the foundation for everything he did--shines in the darkness of Hitler's Third Reich and in the church struggle against it. Though not overtly political, Bonhoeffer's deep concern for the developments in his world is revealed in his sermons as he seeks to draw the listener into conversation with the promises and claims of the gospel--a conversation readers today are invited to join.

Making See C. M. A. van Ekris 2018-04 What is theologically and homiletically happening in 'prophetic' sermons? This empirical theological study offers an analysis of the prophetic dimension in contemporary practices of preaching, including sermons from Bonhoeffer, King and Tutu, and from Dutch local contexts. After a phenomenological opening, five theological concepts are extracted from the studied sermons: exposing destructiva; interrupting dominant discourses; recognising the Word; overcoming destructiva; and edifying the congregation. In this study, prophetic speech is reconstructed as an illuminative interplay between epiphanic and inductive aspects.

Wandering and Wondering Randall Worley 2017-10-10 Mark Twain once said, "The two greatest days in your life are the day you were born, and the day you find out why." But what happens when you know the why but can't figure out how to make it happen? It is this journey between the realization of your purpose and its actualization that Randall Worley calls process. Purpose, which answers why, can be realized in moment. However, process, which must answer how, is not

actualized as quickly. In other words, "becoming an overnight success takes years." Purpose has been a hot topic for several years, capturing the attention of those adrift in a culture of apathy and aimlessness. It is certainly a far more palatable subject in today's culture of self-improvement than is process, because it seems to offer a free carpet ride from here to there. Your destiny, however, is not downloadable. The dream of your future is free, but the journey will demand a price. Yet it is in the sacrifice and effort of process that God will turn your purpose into a world-changing reality.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Renate Bethge 2006 "Pastor, theologian, resister, Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-45) has been an influential theologian and inspiration for more than 60 years. This unique pictorial account of Bonhoeffer's life, family, and friends, and of the Germany in which he lived and died, is now available in a new edition with added photographs and a new design." "With more than 200 photos - including many portraits of Bonhoeffer's ancestors, family gatherings, press photos of contemporary events, maps, postcards, and newspaper accounts, posters, book jackets - this book gives the reader a real sense of Bonhoeffer's family context and the decisive times in which he lived and strove." "The twelve chapters in this volume recapture distinct periods in Bonhoeffer's life, setting events in his family against the tumultuous events in church, state, and the international scene. The brief accompanying texts provide essential information, but on the whole the pictures are allowed to speak for themselves. For those who know Bonhoeffer through his writings or even films about him, this centenary edition will introduce Bonhoeffer the man and the circle of family and friends who together with him faced fateful choices."--BOOK JACKET.

Wonder of Wonders Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2015-08-10 "For the greatest, most profound, tenderest things in the world, we must wait." Never are moments of quiet reflection more important than during the rush of the Christmas season. These beautiful meditations from the works of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, one of the most beloved theologians of the twentieth century, are perfect as brief devotions for those who already love Bonhoeffer's work and as wonderful introductions to his writing for young readers and others not yet familiar with him. Combined with beautifully evocative, full-color photographs, these passages remind us of the profound wonders we celebrate during Advent and Christmas and of the reverence appropriate to the season. Includes a short biography of Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Perfect for gift giving.

Bonhoeffer and King Willis Jenkins 2010-08-02 "Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Martin Luther King, Jr. - these giants of recent Christian social thought are here reassessed for a new context and a new generation. Both combined activism, ministry, and theology. Each took on public roles in opposition to prevailing powers of their time. Each professed a kind of Christian realism and ended as martyrs to their respective causes. Here many of the leaders in Christian social thought revisit the insights, causes, and strategies that Bonhoeffer and King employed for a new generation and its concerns: race, reconciliation, nonviolence, political violence, Christian theological identity, and ministry" -- BACK COVER.

The Friends We Keep Sarah Zacharias Davis 2009-07-21 Why are women's friendships so tricky? During a particularly painful time in her life, Sarah Zacharias Davis learned how delightful-and wounding-women can be in friendship. She saw how some friendships end badly, others die slow deaths, and how a chance acquaintance can become that enduring friend you need. *The Friends We Keep* is Sarah's thoughtful account of her own story and the stories of other women about navigating friendship. Her revealing discoveries tackle the questions every woman asks: • Why do we long so for women friends? • Do we need friends like we need air or food or water? • What causes cattiness, competition, and co-dependency in too many friendships? • Why do some friendships last forever and others only a season? • How do I foster friendship? • When is it time to let a friend go, and how do I do so? With heartfelt, intelligent writing, Sarah explores these questions and more with personal stories, cultural references and history, faith, and grace. In the process, she delivers wisdom for navigating the challenges, mysteries, and delights of friendship: why we need friendships with other women, what it means to be safe in relationship, and how to embrace what a friend has to offer, whether meager or generous.

Mary Gave God a Body Paul O. Bischoff 2018-12-07 God came to earth as an illegitimate child. Mary, his mother, was a human being, not a porcelain figure in a nativity scene with a halo. She was a young teenage Mediterranean woman who wanted to save herself for marriage. Then an

angel told her she'd become pregnant by the Holy Spirit. This book intends to dismantle the fictitious Mary made in the image of religion. Rather, the human Mary of the Scriptures who gave God a body is the subject of this book. Mary was the mother of God, not the mother of the church. She is blessed without being divine, an ordinary girl who obeyed God and supernaturally delivered the Savior of the world. It is only a human Mary who can be accessible to the church as a model disciple of her son, Jesus Christ.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Prison Poems Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2005 Night and silence. Only footsteps and shouts of the guards. Do you not hear it in this silenced house, shaking, breaking, and collapsing, as hundreds kindle the glowing ember of their hearts? "When I was in prison, no writings encouraged me more than Bonhoeffer's." --Chuck Colson Here in one volume are all ten of the dramatic poems that Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote during his confinement in Prison on charges of conspiring to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Prison Poems is the stirring, deeply personal manifesto of one of the twentieth century's best-known Christian writers and thinkers, whose short life and martyr's death raised a standard of faith that challenges, beckons, and guides us today. Also available Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Meditations on Psalms Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Christmas Sermons

Leaps of Faith Robert J. Dean 2017-02-14 If you are passionate about participating in the recovery of preaching for the spiritual formation of God's people, then you will want to jump into this lively collection of biblically rigorous, culturally intuitive, grace-drenched sermons. Robert Dean sets the bar very high, even as he throws the gauntlet down, with these remarkable expressions of all that preaching was supposed to be and can still become. Animated by the conviction that the preached word is the playground of the Living Word, the pages of Leaps of Faith are populated by saints and sinners, pimps and prophets. Unexpectedly and delightfully, Bono works alongside Bonhoeffer, Dr. Phil learns a lesson from the Amish, and a discussion of body odor primes the senses for contemplating the mission of God. Rooted deeply in the lives of actual worshipping communities, these wonder-laden sermons from the prophetic imagination of an emerging pastor-theologian dare the reader to leap into the continuing story of the Triune God and, in doing so, discover that all of life has been taken up in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

To Alter Your World Michael Frost 2017-02-21 God is altering history, birthing the new creation all around us, and we have been invited to join God in that task. With groundbreaking ideas and practical illustrations from around the globe, missional leaders Michael Frost and Christiana Rice introduce the metaphor of a midwife to depict us as God's birthing attendants, partnering in God's restorative mission.

Lectionary Preaching Workbook Carlos Wilton 2004-06-01 The challenge of creating a fresh, incisive sermon every Sunday can sometimes seem overwhelming -- but if you have the all-new edition of CSS' acclaimed "Lectionary Preaching Workbook "at your fingertips, you'll never feel that way again! With penetrating reflections on Cycle B lectionary passages and a thorough discussion of preaching themes plus a treasure trove of supporting illustrations, this comprehensive volume is the perfect starting point for your weekly homiletic research. Carlos Wilton combines a scholar's deep insight into the biblical texts with a pastor's practical understanding of how to make them come alive for the people in your pews, and his astute commentary is sure to stimulate your thought process and provide plenty of seeds for developing messages with maximum impact. A handy, easy-to-use sermon planning template is also included to facilitate the process of building your sermon. The "Lectionary Preaching Workbook" is an indispensable tool that helps you to powerfully proclaim God's Word while getting the most out of your limited preparation time. Each Sunday's material includes: * a listing of applicable Revised Common, Roman Catholic, and Episcopal lectionary texts * a theme for the day * commentary on the Old Testament, New Testament, and Gospel lessons * possible preaching approaches * a pastoral prayer * numerous illustrations to flesh out the message Carlos E. Wilton has been the pastor since 1990 of Point Pleasant Presbyterian Church, in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. He previously served as assistant dean and director of admissions at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. Wilton is a graduate of Washington College (B.A.), Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.), and the University of St. Andrews, Scotland (M.Phil. and Ph.D.). In addition to his parish responsibilities, Wilton is also an adjunct professor at New Brunswick Theological Seminary and a member of the writing team for the online preaching resource "The Immediate

Word" (www.csspub.com).

***The Battle for Bonhoeffer* Stephen R. Haynes 2018-09-13** The figure of Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906-1945) has become a clay puppet in modern American politics. Secular, radical, liberal, and evangelical interpreters variously shape and mold the martyr's legacy to suit their own pet agendas. Stephen Haynes offers an incisive and clarifying perspective. A recognized Bonhoeffer expert, Haynes examines "populist" readings of Bonhoeffer, including the acclaimed biography by Eric Metaxas, *Bonhoeffer: Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy*. In his analysis Haynes treats, among other things, the November 2016 election of Donald Trump and the "Bonhoeffer moment" announced by evangelicals in response to the US Supreme Court's 2015 decision to legalize same-sex marriage. *The Battle for Bonhoeffer* includes an open letter from Haynes pointedly addressing Christians who still support Trump. Bonhoeffer's legacy matters. Haynes redeems the life and the man.

***The Doubled Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer* Diane Reynolds 2017-02-23** Few twentieth-century theologians have had a bigger impact than Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a man who lived his faith and died at the hands of the Nazis. For Bonhoeffer, the theological was the personal: life and faith were deeply intertwined - and to this day the world is inspired by that witness. Yet the true story of the women in this remarkable man's life has until now been obscured by a conventional narrative that has distorted their role. Using primary sources written by the women in his life, and even including the first ever photo of alleged 'first fiancée' Elisabeth Zinn, this book 'sees' these women fully for the first time. A highly readable but scholarly work of narrative nonfiction, *The Doubled Life* places Bonhoeffer's theology of love and sexuality within the context of his struggles with women, friendship, and the evils of Nazi Germany.

***Dietrich Bonhoeffer* Eberhard Bethge 2000** The authoritative biography of Bonhoeffer -- theologian, Christian, man for his times.

***God Is in the Manger* Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2012-09-03** These forty stirring devotions will guide and inspire readers as they move thematically through the weeks of Advent and Christmas, from waiting and mystery to redemption, incarnation, and joy. Supplemented by an informative introduction, short excerpts from Bonhoeffer's letters, and passages from Bonhoeffer's Christmas sermons, these daily reflections are timeless and moving reminders of the true meaning of Christmas. Now repackaged in a beautiful hardback edition, it makes the perfect holiday gift.

***Watch for the Light* Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2001** A collection of spiritual readings by various authors for the Advent and Christmas season.

***Pastor Tillich* Samuel Andrew Shearn 2022-02-03** *Pastor Tillich: The Justification of the Doubter* tells the story of Paul Tillich's early theological development from his student days until the end of the First World War, set against the backdrop of church politics in Wilhelmine Germany and with particular reference to his early sermons. The majority of scholarship understands Tillich primarily as a philosophical theologian. But before and during the First World War, Tillich was Pastor Tillich, studying to become a pastor, leading a Christian student group, working periodically as a pastor in Berlin churches, and preaching to soldiers. Arriving in Berlin after the war, Tillich pursued religious socialism and a theology of culture through the 1920s. But the theological basis of these programmes was what Tillich considered his main concern in 1919: the theology of doubt. Using a wealth of untranslated German sources largely unknown to English-language scholarship, Pastor Tillich presents the stations of Tillich's theological development of the notion of the justification of the doubter up to 1919. Distinguishing between Tillich's later autobiographical statements and the witness of archival sources, a significantly original, contextualised account of Tillich's early life in Germany emerges. From his days as the conservative son of a conservative Lutheran pastor to the battle-worn chaplain who could even talk about 'faith without God', Tillich underwent considerable change. The book should therefore speak to any interested in the history of modern theology, as an example of how biography and theology are intertwined.

***The Power to Comprehend with All the Saints* Wallace M. Alston Jr. 2009-08-26** *The Power to Comprehend with All the Saints* seeks to bring the pastoral voice into conversation with both the academy and the church in order to present a comprehensive perspective on how a theologically substantive ministry comes into being and what difference a theological orientation to the vocation makes in pastoral practice. / The contributors argue for the renewal of the church and its

ministry, offering ways to regain its identity as a theological community and addressing the trivialization of the pastoral identity too often engendered by embracing management strategies rather than the Spirit's call. It is only when the church attends faithfully and consistently to its primary tasks of preaching, teaching, pastoral care, and administration that the enlivening and empowering of the church is given and received as a gift. Here men and women on the front line of the church's ministry thoughtfully consider how theological awareness is formed in a person and how this awareness determines the form and content of pastoral ministry.

Sanctorum Communio Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2009-07-01 Here is offered the complete text in translation, annotated by the German and American editors. The historical context is explained and textual commentary is provided in a Foreword and Afterword.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Christmas Sermons Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2011-01-04 "The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, who look forward to something greater to come. For these, it is enough to wait in humble fear until the Holy One himself comes down to us, God in the child in the manger. God comes. The Lord Jesus comes. Christmas comes. Christians rejoice!" —Dietrich Bonhoeffer Executed by the Nazis for his complicity in a plot to assassinate Hitler, Dietrich Bonhoeffer remains with us today through his writings—far-reaching ripples of deep thought, passionate words, and unflinching character. Including biographical insights, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Christmas Sermons spans Bonhoeffer's seventeen years as a preacher. This collection of vintage sermons and writings searches out the power and mystery of the Christmas season: its joyous riches and its implications for our lives. Also available Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Prison Poems Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Meditations on Psalms

The Domestication of Martin Luther King Jr. Lewis V. Baldwin 2013-07-03 Clarence B. Jones, close King advisor and draft speechwriter, has done much to reinforce a conservative hijacking of King's image with the publication of his controversial books *What Would Martin Say?* (2008) and *Behind the Dream* (2011). King emerges from Jones's books not as a prophetic radical who attacked systemic racial injustice, economic exploitation, and wars of aggression, but as a fiercely conservative figure who would oppose affirmative action and illegal immigration. *The Domestication of Martin Luther King Jr.* offers a critique of Jones's work and the larger effort on the part of right-wing conservatives to make King a useful symbol, or the sacred aura, in a protracted campaign to promote their own agenda for America. This work establishes the need to rethink King's legacy of ideas and activism and its importance for our society and culture. Contributors include: Lewis V. Baldwin Rufus Burrow Jr. Adam Fairclough Walter Earl Fluker Shirley T. Geiger Cheryl A. Kirk-Duggan Michael G. Long Rosetta E. Ross George Russell Seay Jr. Traci C. West

Romans Michael F. Bird 2016-02-09 A new commentary for today's world, *The Story of God Bible Commentary* explains and illuminates each passage of Scripture in light of the Bible's grand story. The first commentary series to do so, SGBC offers a clear and compelling exposition of biblical texts, guiding readers in how to creatively and faithfully live out the Bible in their own contexts. Its story-centric approach is idea for pastors, students, Sunday school teachers, and all who want to understand the Bible in today's world. SGBC is organized into three easy-to-use sections, designed to help readers live out God's story: *Listen to the Story*; *Explain the Story*; and *Live the Story*. Praise for SGBC: "The easy-to-use format and practical guidance brings God's grand story to modern-day life so anyone can understand how it applies today."—Andy Stanley "Opens up the biblical story in ways that move us to act."—Darrell L. Bock "It makes the text sing and helps us hear the story afresh."—John Ortberg "This commentary breaks new ground."—Craig L. Blomberg *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Richard Gribble 1996 A resource that will deepen and enrich your spiritual life during the Advent/Christmas season. These reflections will strengthen mental preparation and serve as a starting point for prayer and meditation.

Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Theology of Resistance Rufus Burrow, Jr. 2014-12-31 It has been nearly fifty years since Martin Luther King, Jr., was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. Appraisals of King's contributions began almost immediately and continues to this day. The author explores an astonishing number of King's chief ideas and social-ethical practice: his concept of a moral universe; his doctrine of human dignity; his belief that not all suffering is redemptive; his brand of personalism; his contribution to the development of social ethics; the

inclusion of young people in the movement; sexism as a contradiction to his personalism; the problem of black-on-black violence, and others. Burrows' essays reveal both the strengths and the limitations in King's theological socio-ethical project, and shows him to have relentlessly applied personalist ideas to organized nonviolent resistance campaigns in order to change the world.

The Collected Sermons of Dietrich Bonhoeffer Victoria J. Barnett 2017-10-15 In his preaching, Dietrich Bonhoeffer's strong, personal faith--the foundation for everything he did--shines in the darkness of Hitler's Third Reich and in the church struggle against it. Though not overtly political, Bonhoeffer's deep concern for the developments in his world is revealed in his sermons as he seeks to draw the listener into conversation with the promises and claims of the gospel--a conversation readers today are invited to join.

Because of Bethlehem Study Guide Max Lucado 2016-09-13 In the Because of Bethlehem video Bible study (DVD/digital video sold separately), bestselling author and pastor Max Lucado guides you through the Advent season to its source at an unassuming stable in Bethlehem... No one expected the Messiah to come the way he did. Yet the way he came was every bit as important as the coming itself. The manger is the message. Because of Bethlehem, God knows what it's like to be human. Because of Bethlehem, when we talk to him about tough times, he understands. He's been there. He's been here. Because of Bethlehem, we no longer have marks on our record...just grace. In the midst of your hectic Christmas season, this 4-session Bible study with Max will: Revive your wonder that the One who made everything chose to make himself nothing for us. Rekindle your connection to the Christ of Christmas who offers lasting hope. Help you lay down your endless Christmas to-do list and receive what Jesus has already done. Heal your heartache by embracing the God who is always near you, always for you, and always in you. For some, Christmas is a time of excitement, celebration, and family, while for others it is a time of loneliness, grief, and loss. No matter what this season holds for you, the promise of Christmas will bring you a lifetime of hope. The Because of Bethlehem Study Guide includes video notes and discussion questions, Bible exploration, an individual application activity, and an Advent practice to complete between meetings. Sessions include: God Has a Face Worship Works Wonders God Guides the Wise Every Heart a Manger Designed for use with Because of Bethlehem/He Chose the Nails Video Study (9780310687849), sold separately. The DVD is a two-disc set for Christmas and Easter.

Sixth Times Book of Best Sermons Ruth Gledhill 2001-09-28 This annual volume collects the top thirty sermons from hundreds written by men and women from a diverse range of denominations and faiths. These sermons are powerful and compelling and can be read with enjoyment over and over again.

Christian Martyrdom and Christian Violence Matthew D. Lundberg 2021 "What is the place-if any-for violence in the Christian life? This book explores this question by analyzing a paradox of mainstream Christian history, theology, and ethics: At the heart of the Christian story, the suffering of violence stands as the price of faithfulness. From Jesus himself to martyrs who have died while following him, at the core of Christian faith is an experience of being victimized by the world's violence. At the same time, the majority opinion for most of Christian history has held that there are situations when the follower of Jesus may be justified in inflicting violence on others, especially in the context of war. Do these two facets of Christian ethics and experience--martyrdom and the just war--represent a contradiction, the self-defeating irony of those who follow a Lord who refused to defend himself taking up deadly weapons? In arguing that they do not, the book contends that any meaningful coherence between a theology of martyrdom and commitment to a just war ethic requires shifts away from a common heroic conception of Christian martyrdom and a common secularized Realpolitik conception of necessary violence. Instead, it requires a view of martyrdom that acknowledges even the martyrs as subject to the ambiguities of the human condition, even as they present a compelling witness to Jesus and the way of the cross. And it requires an approach to justified violence that reflects the self-sacrificial ethos of Jesus displayed in the lives of true Christian martyrs"--

Wisdom From the Margins William G. Britton 2018-05-16 Henri Nouwen wisely said, "The great illusion of leadership is to think that man can be led out of the desert by someone who has never been there." Jesus has "been there" and knows how to lead us out—but first, he just may lead us in. He meets us in the desert and does his best work in us there. We look for an easier way in

vain. I myself reluctantly entered the desert and eventually received unimagined gifts there—gifts I didn't ask for, deserve, or want—gifts hidden in such painful loss that I despaired—and yet, looking back now, these “desert gifts” were the best thing that ever happened to me. I entered the desert, and years later, found my way out. It's not a new way, it was just new to me. Jewish and Christian sages had been living it for thousands of years. Somehow, in recent generations, we managed to forget it. In this collection I mean to begin to make those riches available to you. I'm hoping that like me, you'll discover something that you didn't know you wanted or needed—and something now you wouldn't give up at any price.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer Works Dietrich Bonhoeffer 2014 Volume 14 "includes bible studies, sermons, and lectures on homiletics, pastoral care, and catechesis, giving a moving and up-close portrait of the Confessing Church in these crucial years"--Publisher description.

Think About Christmas: 31 Reflections on the Events Surrounding the Birth of Jesus J.W. Clark 2021-11-11 This is NOT your typical devotional book! This book will point your mind in new directions. You will see familiar Bible passages in entirely new ways. You might have heard the Christmas story dozens of times but I promise you that you have not thought about these things. This book will not make you feel better about yourself (or worse!). But it will get you to think more about the Lord. If the world seems to have lost its mind, what better way to reclaim your Christmas than to get your thoughts aligned. Like Moses when he paused to look at the burning bush, what would you see if you took the time to rediscover your destiny? Christmas can be a hectic time with lots of distractions. So why not carve a few minutes out of your day to focus your thoughts on the manger? Did Mary and Joseph really stay in an inn? What exactly did the magi see in the sky that prompted them to make a five-hundred-mile journey across the desert? What are the backstories for the characters we often place in our nativity displays? In this book, we will take a journey together to Bethlehem, Nazareth, and Jerusalem, pausing just long enough to recognize ourselves along the way. Instead of peace on earth, we'll see a picture of family drama, chaos, and jealousy. The birth was messy. The child was in danger. Doubt and fear stalked the hearts and minds of those who dared to believe the Messiah had come. Two thousand years have passed, but the world is still demanding an answer to a question: Is the manger a myth or a miracle? Take a month to strip away the commercialism and distractions to build your faith as you think about the real meaning of Christmas.

Idiot, Sojourning Soul Justin Rosolino 2020-01-29 What is "Christianity"? What's it supposed to be? In a world where Trump, Obama, Putin, and Lady Gaga all claim Christianity as their spiritual home, it's not an easy question to answer. Part memoir, part historical-theological analysis, *Idiot, Sojourning Soul* tells the story of one former skeptic's exploration of Christian spirituality. Justin Rosolino was raised in a post-Christian context where all gods were up for grabs and all truth-claims equally dubious. While studying political theory in college, Justin found himself drawn to the writings of Augustine, Kierkegaard, and Martin Luther King Jr. Much to his surprise, he resonated with their profoundly Christian accounts of human nature, desire, lack, and love. With wit and scholarly precision, *Idiot* examines Christianity's historical development, from its ancient beginnings to its current and confounding condition. The result is a must read for anyone who's ever wondered what Jesus was really up to, and why contemporary Christianity bears so little semblance to its namesake.

Church in Ordinary Time Amy Plantinga Pauw 2017-09-21 The liturgical season called “ordinary time” consists mostly of the weeks between Easter and the beginning of Advent. This season, generally ignored by theologians, aptly symbolizes the church's existence as God's creature in the gap between the resurrection of Christ and the consummation of all things. In this book Amy Plantinga Pauw draws on the seasons of the church year and the creation theology elaborated in the Wisdom books of Scripture to explore the contours of a Trinitarian ecclesiology that is properly attuned to the church's life amid the realities of today's world.

What Freedom? Keith W. Clements 2011-05-23

Dietrich Bonhoeffer 1906-1945 Ferdinand Schlingensiepen 2010-06-03 `An important contribution to our understanding of the period."---The Catholic Herald --

Satire on a Sad Second Millennium James B. Platts 2007-10-12

The Book of Womanhood Amy F Davis Abdallah 2016-06-30 There are many questions that surround Christian womanhood: What does it mean? When does it happen; at a certain age,

status, or maturity? How do we know we're no longer girls? And when we've figured that out, how will others know how to recognise us as a woman rather than a girl? After all, Christian women don't usually get a rite of passage in which they are named a woman. Seeing this need, Amy Davis Abdallah has created such a rite, and this book accompanies it; there is no need to go through her rite of passage, however, to name yourself a woman. The Book of Womanhood creates a path through the confusion that surrounds the identity of women by its flexible framework, developing the reader's understanding of a woman's relationship with God, their self, others and creation. Amy writes simply as one perhaps further along in her journey of womanhood than most, and she doesn't write alone; she includes the stories of Biblical women, of friends young and old, and even more. The diverse voices come together as a cloud of witnesses encouraging us in our individual journeys. The Book of Womanhood is about recognition, reaching out not only to women, but also to men who seek to understand and empower their wives, daughters, and friends to be the women God has formed them to be. Read for empowerment; read for transformation. Read and become the woman of God you were created to be.